



N3SH: It's BACK!

As of Sunday afternoon, April 18th 1999, the FCC database showed the N3SH club callsign as being assigned to the "N3SH Amateur Radio Club" — our temporary identity assumed after we were forced by circumstances to drop our original name, the (original) South Hills ARC. This action came 5 months — almost to the day — after the call's trusteeship was inappropriately reassigned from trustee Steve Lane W3SRL & the original South Hills ARC (us).

We hope that this is the last chapter in a sad story. We saw many trusted members, including some of our founders, disappear from our ranks without explanation. We had a leadership void caused by this — fortunately we also had other members who stepped up to fill that void. And we discovered the hard way that some of these former members had betrayed the organization and the trust we had in them, their actions, and their honesty.

It's over. Finally.

And now we can put all this behind us once and for all and get back to having some fun with Amateur Radio. Isn't that why we all joined this radio club in the first place? With Field Day coming up, PSK31 coming on line, the digital net, and so on and so on... who wants to waste any more time on this nonsense? I know I don't!

73, Ron Notarius WN3VAW, President,
Wireless Association of South Hills, Inc.
N3SH/WA3SH

Next Meeting May 13, 1999

The next monthly meeting of the Wireless Association of South Hills, Inc. will be Thursday, May 13th, at 7:00 PM at the John McMillan Presbyterian Church, 875 Clifton Road in Bethel Park. Talk-in on the 146.955 N3RNX/R Repeater.

Because of some last minute scheduling conflicts, our guest speaker has not yet been set.

All radio amateurs & interested guests are, of course, invited!

See you there!

Pirates Beat Rockies on WASH Game Day!



It was a fun filled afternoon as members of the Wireless Association watched the Pittsburgh Pirates easily defeat the Colorado Rockies 9-3 on our group outing to 3 Rivers Stadium on May 1st.

No foul balls came our way, but we (along with 19,800+ other fans) witnessed a no-hitter for the first 5 innings and a shutout into the 6th; home runs from Brian Giles & Kevin Young; and the bats come alive along with good defense from the Buccos!

There's nothing quite like the feeling of enjoying an afternoon baseball game on a beautiful spring day with good friends — and seeing our name up there with the other groups welcomed — twice.

We had an excellent view of the field from our seats in Section 257 behind Third Base. The afternoon sun drove a few people into the shade, but that was the only down note of the afternoon. Thanks again to everyone who was able to come out with the club on May 1st (even our resident Cleveland Indian fan!). Considering the traffic construction, the Pittsburgh Marathon & WACOM Swap'n'Shop, the Steelers Reunion, and everything else that was going on that day... we done good.

Will we do it again this year? There's plenty of home baseball games to choose from. Finding a day that a lot of us can go to is the tough part! So if you'd like to help WASH do it again... take a look at a schedule, see what dates suit you, and bring that to the next meeting. If we can come up with another date, why not?

(Did they win it just for us? Probably not, but you never know...)

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Schedule of Events

- WASH Club Net, 9:00 PM ET
Sunday Nights on 146.955-
NCS Schedule:

- May 2nd: Bob W3RJM
- May 9th: Richie N3SBF
- May 16th: Steve W3SRL
- May 23rd: Bill W3WH
- May 30th: TBA

• LOOKING AHEAD:

- **June 6th** 47th Annual Breezeshooters Hamfest
- **June 6th** Tour de Cure
- **June 12th-13th** ARRL June VHF Contest
- **June 26-27th** Field Day
- **July 11th** 14th Annual North Hills ARC Hamfest
- **July 17-18** 17th Annual Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix

May 1999

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						 1 PIRATES
2 Pgh Marathon WACOM Swapfest	3 Bum of the Month Lunch	4 SHBP&M Meeting	5 Uniontown ARC Meeting NHARC Meeting	6 WACOM Meeting	7	8 2 Rivers ARC Hams'n'Eggs Breakfast
9 Race for the Cure	10	11	12 PVGP General Meeting SkyWarn Training	13 WASH Meeting 7 PM Horseshoe ARC Meeting	14 DAYTON	15 DAYTON Armed Forces Day K3A Special Event
16 DAYTON K3A Special Event	17	18 SCARC Meeting	19 NHARC Activity Night	20 TAARA Meeting Breezeshooters Dinner	21 2 Rivers ARC Meeting	22
23 Pentecost Sunday	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day					

WASH 1999 OFFICERS

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VP/Treasurer

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10 Meter Digital

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Field Day Chairman

PA QSO Party Chairman

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Don Vollant N3KEH

146.955 - PL 131.8

442.550 + PL 131.8

443.650 + PL 131.8

WA3SH Net, the weekly on-air net of WASH, meets every Sunday Night, 9:00 PM ET, on the 146.955 repeater, usually followed by the 10 Meter SSB Informal Net on 28.469 MHz.

The **10 Meter Digital WA3SH Net** meets on 28.105 MHz at 9:30 PM ET, starting with RTTY.

(Both 10 meter frequencies are +/- QRM).

All radio amateurs, WASH members or not, are welcome to join in!

THE LEGAL STUFF

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As always, special thanks to the owners of both the N3RNX/R Repeater System and the N3FFP/R Repeater System for permitting the **Wireless Association of South Hills, Inc.** and its members to use their repeaters for club purposes.

WASH Amateur Radio Club News Briefs

Next WASH VE Test July 15th!

Our Next VE exam session will be **Thursday, July 15, 1999, at 7:00 PM**, at the *John McMillan Presbyterian Church*, 875 Clifton Road, Bethel Park, PA. Talk-in on 146.955 MHz. All examiners are ARRL affiliated. Morse code exams are multiple-choice. Walk-ins are welcome, but if you plan on attending the test session, please contact VE Team Liason Bob Sanford AA3FI, telephone (724)-356-4020 or E-Mail: sanfordb@access.hky.com

Please bring the following to your test session:

Picture ID or other suitable identification (2 forms of ID required)
 Pen / Pencil / Calculator
 Original FCC license plus a copy of license (if upgrading)
 Original CSCE plus a copy of CSCE (if upgrading)
 Check or Cash in the amount of \$6.45 (payable to: ARRL VEC)

Remember: Novice written (element 2) and 5 wpm (element 1A) code exams are **free**.

Results from our VE Test Session on April 15th:

10 VE's participated including Apprentice VE AA3JS

We had five candidates taking a total of 9 elements, 8 of which were passed.

All 5 candidates were successful; we have 3 new codeless Tech's, and two upgrades (one to Advanced, one to Extra). Congratulations to all!

— Bob Sanford AA3FI, VE Team Liason

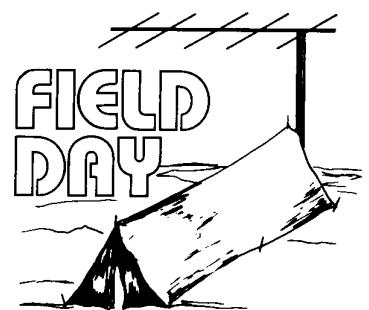
FYI Networks, an internet provider in the Pittsburgh & surrounding areas since 1995, is offering all members of WASH their Basic Internet account, normally \$20/month, for only \$15/month. This includes 1 e-mail box, 3 MB of disk space, web page hosting, Telnet & FTP access. Call FYI toll-free 877-FYI-4NET, or e-mail them at sales@fyi.net, for more details or to sign up. **You must mention that you are a member of the Wireless Association of South Hills to get the discount rate.** Many thanks to FYI Networks for making us this special offer available.

The Breeze Shooters Hamfest is Sunday, June 6th. As always, you can expect to find a lot of WASH members present, be they helping out at the hamfest, exhibiting, buying, or just plain schmoozing. So why not plan an informal get-together for club members around lunch time, and have a small picnic while we're at it? (Sorry, no helium balloons may be available this time around). If you like the idea, we'll talk about it at the May meeting; if you can't make the meeting, contact WN3VAW afterwards for details.

Dayton Information: QSL cards for E44DX, the first DXpedition to the new Palestine, will be available courtesy of the Northern California DX Foundation (NCDXF). They will have a table at the Crown Plaza Hotel on Friday night just outside of the DX Dinner. Anyone attending who is in the log (exactly) will be able to pick up their cards. —W3UR

Monitor 146.955 simplex at the HARA Arena to hook up with fellow WASH club members.

Not much to add from last month. Again, our operation will be at Mineral Beach, off of Route 88, near Library. Our plans are to run Class 2A, with up to 3 HF stations on simultaneously, (One Phone, One CW, and One Novice/Tech if we have operators for it) plus an additional VHF/UHF station. We currently plan to run the radios off batteries to avoid having to run generators on site.



Steve W3SRL has stepped forward to organize the VHF station; we still need a volunteers to run the Phone and CW stations. We are still looking for radios, antennas, feedline, batteries, generators, meters, and just about anything else you can think of that we will need. Also we will need volunteers to help set up and take the stations down, in addition to operators to operate them! Please give some serious consideration to coming out, helping out, and just plain having fun. This is going to be a big job to pull this off successfully, and I cannot do it all by myself, so please consider volunteering. I would also like to know who would be interested in operating; if you are please let me know. If we have (hopefully) a big turnout, we will come up with some sort of schedule for the operators.

Carol (Mrs. N3SBF) is organizing the food details. If you can help out with the food in any way, please get ahold of her.

We've been informally approached by members of another club about doing a joint effort; we haven't had a chance to sit down and talk with them about what, if anything, we can do. But remember that you don't have to be a member of WASH to help operate our Field Day, so if you know someone who might be interested in operating Field Day with us, ask them to give me a call! Drop me an E-Mail at KQ3DX@hotmail.com: I'll be happy to hear from you!

— Greg Babin KQ3DX, 1999 Field Day Chairman

The FCC has discontinued its telephone Amateur Enforcement Line for Amateur Radio complaints and now requests amateur-related complaints be sent either via e-mail to fccham@fcc.gov or by mail to:

Compliance and Information Bureau
 ATTN: Amateur Radio Complaints,
 1270 Fairfield Rd
 Gettysburg, PA 17325

The FCC instituted the telephone service last fall when it beefed up amateur enforcement under the direction of Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH. However, the FCC never intended to maintain the telephone service permanently.

Complaints already filed on the telephone service will be acted upon, and anyone who has left a message will receive a return call from Commission staff.

47th Annual Ground Wave Contest Official Results

Compiled by Bill Kristoff N3BPB from The Breeze Shooters Web Page www.breezeshooters.net

The following lists of all who submitted a completed summary sheet and log for the 1999 BREEZE SHOOTERS GROUND WAVE CONTEST, in the order of their finish.

The Officers and Board of Directors thank all for their participation. All who participated in contest are winners, 126 logs were submitted.

CALL	PTS	CON	CALL	PTS	CON	CALL	PTS	CON	CALL	PTS	CON
A - ZONE ONE			B - ZONE TWO			C - ZONE THREE			F - MULTI/CLUB		
AA3V	221	129	N3LJU	260	123	W8JV	170	69	KA3NEW	457	138
AD8J	180	100	WO3Z	249	104	KB8HTU	159	60	W3SRL	84	57
N3XI	160	100	AA8M	227	102	K3KSC	102	41	AA3OI	68	37
W3SVJ	130	89	W3RJM	195	91	WM3H	88	39	W3VC	48	32
KA3TYO	118	76	AA3LX	178	83	WA3ESH	82	31	G - MOBILE		
W3ZA	108	66	KR3V	160	66	KB8MFV	73	37	K3GP	288	93
W3TAM	93	66	NA3H	147	73	KA3MBC	72	24	NU3S	103	67
N3TXH	85	58	W3UVG	147	69	AA3NH	68	30	WB3FYP	92	65
KA3KSP	72	49	KB8SHE	133	58	KB8MNE	66	35	N3FLR	89	35
K3HIR	66	40	WB3DVD	129	61	N3XCY	53	22	H - CW ONLY		
KA3AVB	65	46	N3VVE	121	61	N8RAK	51	24	WA3K	47	31
WA3JER	65	46	W3TWI	120	63	KB8YBE	48	23	WC3P	44	29
W03X	64	43	AA3DC	118	47	N3PHL	48	18	W8ELL	42	20
W3RIK	64	42	K3JDC	111	48	N8IIT	34	19	WB3LUF	39	20
N3LWP	61	43	N3VAW	98	49	N8GOB	21	14	W3LUS	28	19
N3SBF	60	41	KB3KV	87	41	N8REI	17	10	WA3CHC	26	19
K3ZNB	55	31	KC8YQ	77	40	N3QM	12	4	W3WH	21	16
KA3WFG	53	39	WB3HZZ	76	38	KB8GAE	10	6	W3TZW	10	9
WA3JXX	51	35	AA3FI	72	35	D - ZONE FOUR			CHECK LOGS		
W3NJO	50	35	K3GW	71	33	K8OMO	211	59	K3MNL		
N3OIA	46	37	N8FFH	65	33	KB8WFN	182	54	KA3AUX		
W3OSK	46	33	W3KVS	56	26	KA3CDH	131	41	KE3XB		
WB3BGH	43	29	W3KBC	45	19	N3HJU	120	31	WW3C		
N3KEH	42	27	NN3J	42	20	WA3FET	120	27	N3YQY		
WA3WNK	41	27	K8LQM	41	21	WA3NSM	113	41	NK3C		
K3KAR	40	26	NS3O	33	17	KA3IFX	98	31	W3SYR		
W3NDH	35	23	W8DYF	31	17	KZ3W	48	19	WA3FWA		
KA3AUX	34	23	KK3I	27	16	E - LOW POWER			WB3M		
KE3XB	30	21	N3JXG	26	15	KC3HW	112	51	N3XFE		
WW3C	29	25	WN8N	24	12	NO3PU	108	52	W3JQJ		
N3YQY	29	22	N3QDO	23	11	N3XTB	69	48	KA3SDP		
NK3C	21	14	WA3BKD	22	12	WA3KFS	51	25	WA3KFS		
W3SYR	18	11	N3LLU	21	11	WN3F	30	17	WN3F		
WA3FWA	17	11	K8ZPR	19	11	N2QIV	14	11	N2QIV		
WB3M	14	11	W3HCT	4	4	N3SIV	4	3	N3SIV		

Editor's Note:

In the rush to squeeze the selected results for WASH club members into last month's issue, some editing mistakes caused some listings to be messed up or deleted completely. Rather than screw up again, we're printing the results in full from the Breezeshooter's web page.

Thanks again to N3BPB for compiling the list & congratulations to all who entered!

Reminder!

Breeze Shooter's Hamfest is One Month Away!
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What do 500 Blue, 86 Red, 27 Green & the PLCB State Store have in common?

Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix

17th Annual Race Weekend July 17 & 18, 1999

Benefits Autism Society of Pittsburgh & Allegheny Valley School



Operating at the 1999 Boston Marathon

Paul Lusardi NOVLR/1

The day started around 10:00 AM when I arrived at my appointed position -- which was a water station on the 20th mile marker (just before Heartbreak Hill). I joined my "team" which was about 20 or so UMass college kids, specializing in Human Physical Endurance (needless to say I was the most out of shape in the bunch). We then had to lug 9 tables, signs, cups, Gatorade mix and other assundry items from down the street because the truck dropped them off in the wrong place (good help is so hard to find these days).

As prescribed, I did a radio check on 2 of the 10 (yes, 10) repeaters that were dedicated to the marathon covering the 26 mile course. Once given a signal report, I was able to stay on a primary channel. Then the "jacket van" came by and dropped off our official BAA jacket and pin. At around 10:20 or so, my Team Captain asked for some more supplies and I called it in -- needless to say, a stapler was not high on the priority list. Anyway, the next water station apparently did not have a ham stationed at it and their captain came down around 1:00 and reported that they sent someone to the next first aid station - which I reported in.

I did not sit down the entire day. it was too exciting and I just couldn't sit there and do nothing - so I helped keep the cups supplied to the 20 water volunteers - who by the way got drenched from the 15,000 runners who all wanted water just before going up "the hill". I read in the paper that there were over 1,000,000 people watching the race....at the finish line alone. About 300,000 or so folks at the starting line; I think.

The noise level was Electrifying at just our little station - I can only imagine what it was like at the end! To see the guy pushing his handicapped son in the jogger - was moving - he got the loudest cheer the entire day - period. The awesome speed of the wheelchair racers was second to none.

There were a few casualties that I heard about - but nothing too serious. a few ambulance calls - no violence or trouble. Everyone was there to have a good time.

I learned a lot of nice skills during this event and had a good time to boot! But in retrospect, next time, I won't forget my lunch on the kitchen table :(

The 59(9) DX Report, Western New York DX Association and Rochester DX Association will host Hospitality Suite 325 at the Crowne Plaza hotel during the 1999 Dayton Hamvention

Stop by for an eyeball and a cool one Friday and Saturday evenings from 8 PM onwards. Meet your fellow DXers and have an eyeball with some of the DX gang you worked lately. You never know who will show up. It is always a good time and enjoyable for both the Big Guns and Little Pistols. All are welcome.

Modem Times: Maxims for the Internet Age

Ramona Recendez recendez@ctt.com via Internet

1. 'ome is where you 'ang your @.
2. The E-mail of the species is more deadly than the mail.
3. A journey of a thousand sites begins with a single click.
4. You can't teach a new mouse old clicks.
5. Great groups from little icons grow.
6. Speak softly and carry a cellular phone.
7. C:\ is the root of all directories.
8. Don't put all your hypes in one home page.
9. Pentium wise; pen and paper foolish.
10. The modem is the message.
11. Too many clicks spoil the browse.
12. The geek shall inherit the earth.
13. A chat has nine lives.
14. Don't byte off more than you can view.
15. Fax is stranger than fiction.
16. What boots up must come down.
17. Windows will never cease.
18. In Gates we trust.
19. Virtual reality is its own reward.
20. Modulation in all things.
21. A user and his leisure time are soon parted.
22. The <http://www.joker.org> is on you.
23. Know what to expect before you connect.
24. Oh, what a tangled website we weave when first we practice.
25. Speed thrills.

C:\ is the root of all directories.

Speak softly and carry a cellular phone.

Virtual Reality is it's own reward.

My personal favorite:

26. Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day;
teach him to use the Net and he won't bother you for weeks.

Terms of (Boat Anchor) Endearment

David White halliman101@hotmail.com via the Hallicrafters Reflector

DA: Dinghy Anchor: Most 60's & 70's gear (light-weight tube gear); ~15-35# comfortable or not exceptional: one hand or two

BA: Boat Anchor: Most medium-weight tube gear; ~40-60# two hands with care; BA/Back Supporter optional

SA: Ships Anchor: Heavy-weight gear; ~65-85#; careful lift with caution; BA/BS recommended or 2 ppl!

BSA: Battleship Anchor: really-heavyweight gear (Full sacks of concrete) ~90-110#; lift with full crouch, certified Heavy Duty BA/BS, or 2ppl!

CFM: Certified Fleet Mooring: KW-1, EF Johnson Desktop KW, home-built transmitters, etc! Use truly professional/commercial methods or wedges, blocks, chains, levers: heave-ho!

Gleaned from common sense, and experience ("grunt!")
David White, MBA BS (Master in Boat Anchor BS.)



Special Event Station SNOAPT will be active from Lublin and Klementowice to mark the 750th anniversary of the first pharmacy in Poland.

QSL via SP8YCB.

QRZ Kosovo?

I got this on an ARRL listserver and thought that the comments below are right on the mark. - Bill N3LLR

"Have you or someone you know recently been on the air with a ham in Kosovo? If so, ARRL's PR department wants to hear from you. Please contact Jennifer Hagy, N1TDY, at 860-594-0328 or send e-mail to jhagy@arrl.org." 73, Jennifer, N1TDY

"I've just returned from 4 weeks in the Balkans including 25-days covering the arriving Kosovars in the Kukes/Morine area. I urge you, URGE YOU if anyone responded to this item and gave to you name, call letters, etc., that you keep it **OUT OF PUBLICATION AND OFF THE INTERNET**. People with radios are a threat -- please do nothing to pursue this thread, **lives may be a stake.**"

Alan Kaul, W6RCL, Producer, NBC News, LaCanada-Flintridge, CA
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Alternative Dispute Resolution

Courtesy WPA Section News ListServe

When conflicts within the Amateur Radio family result in lawsuits or other incidents that become public knowledge, they draw local media attention that is not the kind of publicity we want. Also, settling disputes in court may cost a great deal of money in legal expenses for the individuals or radio clubs involved.

On the other hand, disputes which drag on without resolution create ill-feeling that diminishes hams' enjoyment of the hobby and distracts their focus from serving the public.

To give hams additional options for settling conflicts before they wind up in court, the ARRL has created an *Alternative Dispute Resolution* (ADR) service. Two types of ADR are offered: arbitration and mediation.

For information about the ARRL's ADR service, please go to ARRL's Web page at <http://www.arrl.org/field/regulations/arbitration.html>



NWS SKYWARN Training

Courtesy Bob Ferrey Jr. N3DOK

The National Weather Service will be offering SKYWARN training on May 12, 1999 at 7:00 PM at the Allegheny County Emergency Operations Center. Rich Kane of the NWS will be conducting the training. ALL amateur radio operators are invited to attend, whether or not residents of Allegheny County or members of SkyWarn.

The Allegheny County EOC is located at 400 North Lexington Street in the Point Breeze area of Pittsburgh.

More Information to come. Check the Allegheny County ARES Net every Wednesday at 9 PM on the W3EXW/R 147.09 repeater, and the Allegheny County SKYWARN Net on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 8:30 PM on 147.09 (or your county's ARES & SKYWARN nets).

DX News Briefs

RW6HS is now the QSL manager for the following stations: EO6AHG, ER1OO, ER2OG, ER3DX, ER5AL, EX8A, EX8QA, EY8VV, EZ8AI, LY2ER, R1FJC, RA6WA, RA6WF, RA0BY, RA0FAC, RA0FAN, RF6QAI, RI1OA, RI3B, RI6O, RI8AJ, RI8BAM, RI8BDN, RI8OAA, RI0OAA, RL2O, RLOO, RP6HWF, RUOLX/MM, RVOAM, RZ9DX/0, UA2FBR, UA2FGU, UA2FFM, UA9CDE, UA9CDE/UA0B, UA0BC, UA0BCU, UA0I/UV3DDC, UA0QBQ, UA0Y/UA9YC, UD8DW, UE6ADI, UF6QAT, UF6QBA, UI8IAW, UI8OAA, UI9ABL, UI9BWO, UI9B/RB3MO, UJ3I, UJ8JKK, UK50A...Z, UK8ABT, UK8AJ, UK8BN, UK8BAM, UK8BWO, UK8CK, UK8GK, UK8GBS, UK8FC, UK8IAO, UK8IG, UK8IT, UK8IWK, UK8IWV, UK8OAN, UK8OB, UK8OM, UK8ZAB, UK8ZAH, UK8ZAV, UK8ZC, UK8ZK, UK8ZR, UK8ZU, UK9ADL, UL7OB, UL7TX, UM4BWO, UM5BWO, UM51BWO, UM8AWP, UM8OM, UM8QA, UM9AA, UMOMO, UN2O, UN7AD, UN7AM, UN7AO, UN7SK, UN7QX, UN7TX, UU8I, YL2BI, 4J8DX, 4K2BDU, 4K2BY, 4K2OX, 4K4BCU, 4K4BDU, 4K4CDE, 4K4CDE, UL7B, 4K6CM, 4L1RK, 4L1UN, 4L1QX, 4L6FU, 4L6QQ.

Send QSL Requests to **RW6HS QSL SERVICE, P.O.Box 0, Novopavlovsk, Stavropolkiy kr., 357830 Russia**
 — RA3SL, Sergey "Jack" Geludkov, RA3SL@hamradio.ryazan.ru

UA9AB is now the QSL manager for the following stations: 4K6DFT, 4K6FT, 4K8F, EN6Q, EY4AA, RK9AWT, RK9AYY, RW9USA, RW9UZZ, RZ9A, RZ9AZA, UA9AJ, UA9AN/UI, UA9BA, UA9BA/50, UA9UST, UA0UBG/UA8V, UE9AZA, UE9AWA, UD6DFF, UD6DFT, UD8F, UG/UV3ZZ, UJ8RA, UJ9A, UK7R, UK8AX, UK9AAN, UK9ADT, UL7VV, UN2L, UN4L, UN7LT, UN7VV, UP50V, UT7QF, UW8V/UA0UBG, UW9AR, UZ9AXB, UZ9AYA.

Send QSL Requests to **Gene Shumat, UA9AB, P.O.Box 17, Troitsk, Chelyabinskaya obl., 457100 Russia**
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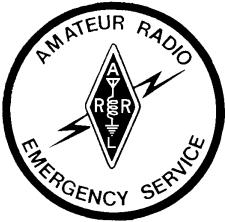
N2AU is now handling ARRL DX Contest QSLs for HC8L, VP5B, YO3APJ, ZF2NT, NH7Z & V31DX. QSL via callbook address.

The **RSGB DX News Sheet**, one of the many creations of the late Geoff Watts, has been a valuable source of DX information since 1962. The RSGB decided to cease production of the DX News Sheet effective June 30, 1999 due to a diminishing number of subscribers. Chris Page, G4BUE, current Editor of the DXNS, says he is not in a position to be able to continue the DXNS on his own. — 425 DX News, the ARRL Letter & others

The **Go List** has a new Web Site and some new features on the Web. The Web site is at <http://www.itis.net/golist/>. The site now has NEW features for Guests and Registered Users, such as "Online Look ups from the Go List database". This database will be updated periodically during the month. When you log onto the New GoList Web Site and visit those areas that require a password, use your e-mail address for the password. — K1XN, 425 DX News

Scotish stations may use the prefixes **2A**, **2S**, & **2T**, and Welsh stations may use the prefixes **2C**, **2W** & **2X** from May 6 through July 31 to mark the openings of their first Parliaments in 300 years. — ARRL DX Bulletin, 425 DX News, GM4FDM

"**9Q5AA**" in April 1999 was a pirate. N4QVS was last active as 9Q5AA in 1991. There are no known 9Q5's at present. — W7BX



Allegheny County ARES News

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The new Allegheny County Amateur Radio Emergency Services Web Site is now up and running. The URL is <http://www.ares.pgh.pa.us/>. Information about upcoming ARES events in and around Allegheny County will be available here.

Allegheny County ARES sponsors a mail list. You may subscribe to the mail list by sending e-mail to majordomo@lists.webstation.net and placing the words "Subscribe ARES" in the body of the e-mail. You will receive a return e-mail confirming your registration. This will be a two-way list -- you may post questions for the good of all and -- information about upcoming events will also be set out.

I have listed below the Allegheny County ARES events that are currently on the schedule, along with the specific coordinator. I would encourage you to contact the coordinator and sign up for the event(s) of your choice. Public service is what we provide for the privilege of our license.

You do not have to be from Allegheny County to participate in these events. Contact the coordinators directly, or check into the Allegheny County ARES Public Service Net on Wednesday evenings at 9 p.m. on 147.09 W3EXW Repeater, or you can contact me if you have any questions.

May 9 -- Race for the Cure
coordinator WA3PYU Michael King (H) 412-481-1149

June 6 -- Tour de Cure - coordinator needed

June 12-13 -- MS 150 Bike Tour
coordinator WA3YRF John Tozier (H) 724-935-6546
wa3yrf@nharc.pgh.pa.us

July 17-18 -- Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix
coordinator N3MJP Corky Bennett (H) 724-850-7833
freqy@aol.com

Steve Miller has put together a very interesting website, on the F5 tornado and surrounding outbreak of severe weather in the OKC area that occurred Monday May 3, 1999. The URL for the site is http://www.hamsnet.net/kc5trr/oklahoma_disaster.htm. Note: the site could take up to 2 minutes to download (depending on connection). Steve Miller can be reached at millesd@okstate.edu.



Greetings from P51BH

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Courtesy Tim Totten N4GN & the OPDX News

As I said in the book, for those who believe, all the good things will come. And that happened to 263 happy DXers throughout the world.

I have just returned from my sixth visit to North Korea, with many cherished friendships and many totally new. It is just amazing how friendly those people are and how much they enjoy life in spite of their needs in many areas.

As planned, I arrived there on April 20, with departure set for Thursday, April 22. From the site I was located at, it was an 8-hour drive from the closest airport on bumpy roads. So, out of the three days, I spent my fair share in a 4WD vehicle, seeing the landscape of this mysterious land.

While discussing the future of amateur radio in a longer term perspective, an immediate allowance was made to test the equipment and show the people present the boring content carried by our DX contacts - but carried for a good cause. I am most grateful to those who shared their excitement with us by saying hello to my friends in North Korea (thanks to W6OSP, KH7RS, SM3EVR and WH6CZD).

The operating was done on the telecom center premises, with North Koreans climbing a 150-ft. tower to hoist the antennas. The antennas were left right there together with the Yaesu FT-847 equipment. It is just a matter of switching the power on - when the time is ripe - to allow North Korea to join the ranks of amateur radio. The telecom facilities were located a 60-minute or so drive from the guesthouse, and access to the facility was obviously only during office hours.

Many would ask this fundamental question: why was it not pre-announced and why was only a limited amount of specific information released? During these several years of DX missionary efforts, it has become obvious that if you are able to work on a project in peace, the best overall results will be achieved.

Many major efforts are typically hampered by competing forces who have a hard time accepting the success of others. It was only a few years ago that North Korea was just about to hit the airwaves when one competing body launched an attack to undermine a potentially successful endeavor.

Although the current DXCC rules (Rule 12) provide specific protection against that kind of behavior, it is still an issue that we all would like to eliminate from our true promotional schemes designed to further the cause of amateur radio in our dealings with the authorities of countries of intense DX interest.

The operating was done between 1436-1640 Korean Time. First JA QSO was JA2DO, Europe OH5MBF, Oceania KH6WU and the United States W6WKE.

The operation covered 14 MHz CW and SSB plus 21 MHz SSB.

The documentation will be sent to the ARRL shortly, and QSL cards will be released from the OH2BH Finland address as soon as possible.

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Much, much more... of course!

The Salvation Army and the American Red Cross have put out calls for additional Amateur Radio assistance in the wake of May 3rd's devastating tornadoes in Oklahoma. Oklahoma Section Emergency Coordinator Bennett Basore, W5ZTN, has been running emergency nets and radio amateurs have been handling "tons of health and welfare traffic."

Oklahoma Section Manager Charlie Calhoun, K5TTT, reports the Salvation Army has requested amateur operators starting May 7 and probably for the rest of the week. "They need hams to act as shadows and transport units in addition to manning the canteens," Calhoun said. "They are expecting to send out 40 canteens into the field tomorrow."

Calhoun said much of the activity is going through the Edmond, Oklahoma, 147.135 MHz repeater, which can be difficult to access with hand-held transceivers. He said mobile transceivers and external antennas and power sources would be a better choice.

He said volunteers should plan to stay at least four hours in the field. No vehicles are allowed in the field, and officials are shuttling hams in and out. Calhoun said it appeared that Amateur Radio communication would be required at least through Saturday. Volunteers should check in with the net control on the 147.135 repeater upon arriving in Oklahoma City.

Ken Runyon, KC5PNO, reports that The Red Cross is requesting at least 50 amateur operators to be available all day Friday, May 7, to begin damage assessment. "Hams will start working with damage assessment teams at 7:30 AM and will be moving from home to home through the disaster area," he said. Operators will need good footwear, a two-meter radio, and batteries to last at least 10 hours. Volunteers should contact the Red Cross, 405 232-7121.

OK Public Information Coordinator Thomas Webb, WA9AFM, reports he's monitored health-and-welfare traffic on both 2 meters and 75 meters coordinating Salvation Army canteen support. "Based on the excellent warning, most of the victims appear to have left the disaster area prior to the strike and were in contact with friends or family or were in shelters with adequate communications," he said.

More tornado info & photos at <http://www.hamsnet.net/kc5trr/oklahomadisaster.htm>

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